

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

We are glad to say that Mr. Frank Barnhart is much better, he has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Tom Stoddard made a visit to Raton last Thursday.

Mrs. Hinson from Des Moines spent the holidays in Clayton visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Utterback.

Mrs. G. B. Holdsworth entertained the Auction Club last Thursday evening. The house was decorated in red and green; red carnations being used. A delicious dinner was served at 7 o'clock and everyone declared it a beautiful affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stoddard are the proud parents of a little baby girl who arrived last Thursday. We wish her a happy New Year and may her visit here be a lengthy one.

"THE LIFE OF OUR SAVIOR" will be shown free for the poor children of the city Sunday at 2:30 p. m. sharp. Admission 10c and 25c.

Hardy Kerr the clerk at the Eklund Hotel has returned home from Oklahoma where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Miss Cleo Toombs, daughter of the "Judge" leaves Monday for Baylor, Texas, where she will enter college. We wish Miss Cleo all sorts of good luck and success.

Ira Giles, our popular school mistress from Kenton is spending a few days of her vacation in Clayton.

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver are in town from their ranch near Cuates.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis have moved to Gallup. Mr. Ellis was a clerk at the Fruth drug store.

Dr. Hayden has accepted a position with the Fruth Pharmacy. He will occupy the position left vacant by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Jack Potter is here visiting from his ranch in Kenton.

Mr. Richard Burrage has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the H. Herzstein Seed Co.

Emer Kelley, the head clerk of the George H. Wade & Co. store, has been quite ill with La Grippe this week.

Don't miss seeing the famous Dramatic Masterpiece, "The Life of Our Savior," Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Admission 10c and 25c.

The dance on Christmas night was a rip-roaring success. A big crowd attended and everyone had a glorious time.

Three cars of Fords arrived this morning for Mr. Wikoff, but still the demand for cars is greater than they can handle.

Master Elmo Turpin spent Christmas in Trinidad with little Pete Thompson and they had a pleasant Christmas.

Mrs. Herbert Herzstein entertained to entire Herzstein family at 6 o'clock dinner on Christmas day. After the dinner they saw the "Ne'er Do-Well." The affair was in honor of Mrs. N. Herzstein, it being her birthday.

Mrs. L. G. Moore, clerk at the Simon Herzstein store left last Saturday for Shattuck, Okla., where she will make her home. We are very sorry to lose this charming lady from our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Palmer have moved to the ranch and Dr. and Mrs. Fruth now occupy their residence.

Mrs. Knox and Miss Fannie are spending a few days in town after the strenuous Christmas rush.

Mr. C. Roberts our enterprising insurance man left Friday, for St. Louis, where he will attend to business matters.

Mr. Willis Plunkett one of our ranchmen is in town shopping for his boys who are going to give a big New Years party at the ranch. We know what a glorious time they will have.

Mrs. C. E. Carpenter of El Paso, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Snyder. Little Miss Mabel Snyder returned home with her for an indefinite stay.

H. C. Morris, National Organizer of the Farmers Equity Society returned to his home to spend New Years with his family.

Miss Fannie Giles of Kenton spent Thursday in Clayton doing some late Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eklund returned Thursday from Denver, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Eklund's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sparks spent the holidays in town with Mrs. Spark's father, Robert Mansker.

W. C. Beckley, of Delta, Colo., arrived last week to assist Miss Renick, the Western Union operator in attending to the large volume of business she now has. This will give a much better service than before as the hours are now from 7:30 to 10 p. m.

For Rent—Furnished room. Apply E. E. Hamm.

FARMERS EQUITY HOLDS MEETING IN CLAYTON

Wednesday was Equity Day in Clayton. The occasion was a celebration of the first Annual Reunion of the members of Union County Locals. Despite the inclement weather about 300 members of the organization gathered here to participate, filling the hall to its utmost capacity.

At one o'clock a procession was formed, headed by the Clayton Band, and marched through the business district, after which a picture was taken of the group by Photographer Lord.

The crowd then assembled in Palmer hall where a luncheon was served by the Ladies of the Equity. Then followed the program of the afternoon. The meeting was opened by H. G. Morris, National Organizer who introduced W. H. Lindsey, County president, organizer.

Mr. Lindsey made a very interesting 10-minute talk, which was to the point regarding the Equity work. He confined his remarks to the history and advancement of the local organizations. The fact that the Equity has been in existence but 11-2 or 2 years in this county, starting with two locals and a handful of members and has steadily grown to a body of 600 members, represented by 27 locals, speaks well for the administration of the officers.

After Mr. Lindsey's address, H. G. Morris entertained the audience with a song entitled "Since We Organized the F. S. E." He also took occasion in rendering this number to add a verse in which he took a shot at the knockers, who are hammering at the society.

Mr. Lindsey, acting as chairman, then introduced Orren L. Beatty, County Agriculturist. Mr. Beatty confined his remarks to co-operation in farming and stock raising. He brought out the point that stock raising and farming must be worked in harmony and that the farmers thru collective purchase would be able to secure the best blooded sires and thereby raise the standard of their stock, which would be hard to do, working individually.

Mr. Morris again entertained the audience with the song entitled "Mother." Mr. J. A. McCune, manager of the Equity Store then gave a splendid talk on the work done by the Equity during the year closing. His report showed that the organization began a little over a year ago with 60 members and had grown to a membership of 600 represented by 27 local organizations. A district charter has been secured which takes in several states and plans are being made for extending the work. In May a capital of \$1,000 was raised and a business house established in Clayton. The first stock of goods amounted to \$20. According to an invoice just taken a \$1600 stock is now owned by the Society.

During the year the Society has done a business representing \$35,082 which is represented largely by the following carload lots of produce handled:

12 cars	coal
1 car	Potatoes
1 car	Apples
4 cars	Oil Cake
2 cars	Fence Posts
1 cars	Cedar Shingles
11 cars	Broom Corn
5000 lbs.	Binding Twine
4000	Bean Sacks
9115 lbs.	Poultry
2141 dozen	Eggs
Groceries	\$7688.78

At the conclusion of Mr. McCune's report, Robert Lindsey recited a poem, written especially for the occasion by H. G. Morris, "War Is Hell" which dealt with local conditions. The recitation was delivered in a splendidly impressive manner and Mr. Lindsey was forced to respond to an encore.

Mr. Rixey of the State Bank of Commerce was on the program, but was unable to attend, and Herbert Hammond, representing the First National Bank substituted. Mr. Hammond spoke on co-operation from a bankers standpoint and the manner in which Mr. Hammond handled the subject showed that he was well posted on financial conditions and was in sympathy with any co-operative movement that was beneficial to the community.

David Lindsey then entertained with a recitation, entitled "Equity" and also responded to an encore. David, like his elder brother acquitted himself with credit. Both boys display much talent in this line.

National Organizer Morris then took the floor and delivered his parting admonition to the organization, dealing

with the subject of direct marketing and exchange. In the course of his remarks he took occasion to chide members who are unloyal to their Society, and dwelt strongly on the subject of Loyalty. He strongly urged all to remain steadfast and uphold the Equity, which had been instrumental in establishing better marketing conditions in this county. He insisted that they be honest and square in their dealings and exemplify the full meaning of the word "Equity." He told them that adverse situations would arise and that there would be some deny their Savior, but hoped that the majority would be faithful and hold up the organization.

Then the task of raising more subscriptions to the Capital stock of \$25,000 was taken up and several shares were sold. There only remains about \$2000 more to raise and then the Society can incorporate with a capital of \$25,000 and they will be on a good basis.

Everyone present enjoyed the meeting, and the prospects are much brighter for a successful business for 1917. Mr. Morris who has done such good work here left for Idaho, where he will take up the work similar to that done here.

Frank Gillworth of the Cimarron, was attending to business matters in Clayton this week.

Allen Dean spent the holidays in Mt. Dora, with his parents.

Chet Malm of Kenton was a business visitor in Clayton the latter the latter part of this week.

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Wheeler Hill was down from Mt. Dora the first of the week attending to business matters.

Henry Kilburn, ranchman from near Mt. Dora was a Clayton business visitor this week.

Dr. Presnall has moved his office from the old Opera House Building to the McCormack Building

C. W. PRESNALL, M. D.
Trinidad, Colo.

GREETINGS

WE WISH TO EXTEND TO OUR PATRONS OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR THE MANY COURTESIES EXTENDED AND PATRONAGE GIVEN US DURING THE YEAR NINETEEN SIXTEEN, AND WISH ALL A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR :: :: :: ::

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